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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (July 1-7, 2007)

REF: ANKARA 1708 and previous

(U) Sensitive but unclassified - please protect accordingly.

¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of periodic reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary sources for these reports are mainstream Turkish press services, such as the Anatolian News Agency, and international wire services. While these are more reliable than most Turkish press sources, they are not necessarily unimpeachable. A major source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website which documents contacts/clashes with the PKK. Press services sympathetic to the PKK, such as Neu-Isenburg People's Defense Forces and Firat News Agency, tend to report higher numbers of the Turkish Security Forces casualties and are often otherwise unreliable.

¶2. (U) From July 1 to 7, 2007, one village guard died in clashes with the PKK. During the same period four security officials, including two village guards, were wounded in action (WIA) or in IED explosions.

¶3. (U) From July 1-7, three PKK terrorists were killed in action.

¶4. (U) The TGS website reported five clashes between security forces and PKK terrorists in the region during the reporting period. Security forces unearthed at least 13 PKK shelters and caves and seized booby-trapped land mines; other explosives, including A-4 and TNT; Kalashnikov rifles; cartridges; hand grenades; pistols; night vision binoculars; TV sets; satellite antennas; and radios.

¶5. (U) On July 3, PKK members seized food from a resident of Kazanpinar Village in Kelkit, Gumushane.

¶6. (U) On July 4, the PKK raided a marble mine, seizing food and 11 cell phones, and kidnapped one of the workers.

¶7. (U) Activity as reported by TGS website:

CLASHES	NUMBER
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May 2007	40
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June 2007	40
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July 1-7, 2007	5
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CASUALTIES

Security Forces

May 2007 15 KIA, 52 WIA

June 2007 23 KIA, 51 WIA

July 1-7, 2007 1 KIA, 4 WIA

PKK

May 2007 20 KIA, 31 captured, 3 surrendered

June 2007 34 KIA, 16 captured, 17 surrendered

July 1-7, 2007 3 KIA, -- captured, -- surrendered

CACHES RECOVERED

May 2007 113

June 2007 50

July 1-7, 2007 13

¶6. (U) Following are the casualty figures for the 2007. Note: We are currently updating our statistics.

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TURKISH SECURITY FORCES KIA WIA

JANUARY 1 2

FEBRUARY 1 0

MARCH 5 4

APRIL 18 16

MAY 15 42

JUNE 24 51

July 1-7, 2007 1 4

TOTAL 65 129

PKK

	KIA	Captured	Surrendered
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JANUARY	--	5	3
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FEBRUARY	--	14	--
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MARCH	16	15	7
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APRIL	16	8	4
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MAY	20*	31	3
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JUNE	34	16	17
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July 1-7, 2007	3	--	--
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TOTAL	89	89	34
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* Includes PKK suicide bomber from May 22 attack in Ankara

	KIA	WIA
JANUARY	0	0
FEBRUARY	1	0
MARCH	0	0
APRIL	1	0
MAY	14*	108*
JUNE	1	1
July 1-7, 2007	--	--
TOTAL	17	109

* Includes 9 KIA and 100 WIA from May 22 Ankara bombing.

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